

## Mayor Awards More Than \$460,000 TO NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

*Amount is matched by more than \$700,000 from community groups*

Mayor Nickels announced funding for 37 neighborhood projects through the Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund. Seven of the projects are from the Mayor's new Climate Action Fund, and other projects cover subjects as diverse as play area improvements, design and planning, and race and social justice issues.



Mayor Nickels joins Super Sones on stage.

It was a festive event at the Nordic Heritage Museum, where guests were treated to the sounds of Super Sones, a local salsa band. After the award ceremony, the band kicked in again, joined on stage by Mayor Nickels himself on mara-

cas. Another highlight was an impromptu serenade by the Peace Chorus, who graciously capped the evening off with a wonderful sing-along.

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## Neighbor Appreciation Day IS COMING!

**February 9th, 2008 Marks the 14th Annual Seattle Celebration of Neighbors**

Saturday, February 9, 2008 will mark Seattle's fourteenth annual celebration of Neighbor Appreciation Day. The celebration began in 1995, when Phinney Ridge activist Judith Wood suggested that the City designate "a special day to celebrate the goodness in those around us and to reach out and strengthen our bonds to each other." Mayor Norm Rice responded by proclaiming the Saturday before Valentine's Day as Neighbor Appreciation Day.

The observance has grown every year since!

Neighbor Appreciation Day is a grassroots celebration. People and organizations throughout Seattle have organized block parties, open houses, award ceremonies, potluck dinners, and work parties to recognize and encourage caring neighbors.

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# New Staff and Changes at DON! Welcome Kimberlee Archie!

## TED DIVINA WILL BE ACTING MANAGER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT COORDINATORS

Dear Neighborhoods Community,

I have the pleasure of announcing new members of our Senior Team. Kimberlee Archie will start working with us in January of 2008. She has



Kimberlee Archie

been the lead Project Manager for the Making Connections Initiative in White Center, a community capacity-building initiative on behalf of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Previous to that, she was the Director of the SOAR "helping kids reach for the sky" program, United Way

of King County. Kimberlee has immense passion for working with communities to help strengthen and improve their lives.

As of Wednesday, December 12th, Scott Minnix has accepted a temporary assignment as Deputy Director at Fleets and Facilities for next five months. While Scott is gone, I am proud to announce that Ted Divina, Central District Coordinator and South Team District Supervisor, will be taking his place as Community Building and District Coordinator Manager

As many of you already know, Ted brings decades of community service and experience to his new role. I am confident that he will not only continue to provide excellent counsel, ability, and response to communities, but that we now have the opportunity for him to share his abilities to all District Councils, the City Neighborhood Council, and community groups throughout Seattle.

I know many of you are familiar with Ted, and must know what a great resource he has been for both Neighborhoods and the city of Seattle. So please join me in congratulating him in this new leadership position, and contributing to his success in this role. As with me, he maintains an open-door policy, and would welcome your input, comments, and suggestions.

We have offered District Coordinators an opportunity to fill Ted's role as Supervisor, and a separate opportunity for Central District Coordinator. I hope to have these positions filled by early next year, and will be sharing an announcement with you at that time. Feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

Stella Chao, Director  
Department of Neighborhoods

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If you plan a special observance, call Peter McGraw at the Department of Neighborhoods, at 615-0950. He will include your event in a special calendar for public officials, the media, and good neighbors throughout Seattle. The deadline for submitting events is January 18th, 2008.

By tradition, we ask Seattle students every year to send us drawings of what they thought it meant to be good neighbors. Some ideas from previous years show neighbors sharing meals, helping with childcare, exchanging plants, or talking over the fence. The artwork has also depicted neighbors working together on a community project, such as building a new playground, painting a mural, or beautifying school or park grounds.

The winner of the contest has their art adorning the thousands of Neighbor Appreciation Day cards available

throughout the city prior to the day's events. The free greeting cards will be available at City Hall, the 13 Neighborhood Service Centers, Community Centers, and libraries throughout Seattle.

Second and third place winners are also recognized. The Mayor hands out the awards with the help of the Chair of the Neighborhoods Committee, City Councilmember Sally Clark. Friends and family are always welcome to this event.

For more information, or to order Neighbor Appreciation Day cards, contact Peter McGraw, Public Information Officer, Department of Neighborhoods, at [206-615-0950](tel:206-615-0950). 🌐

# Get Involved in Taxing and Spending Decisions at FEB. 10 CITIZENS BUDGET CONFERENCE, 12-5 P.M. AT SEATTLE CENTR HOUSE

By Chris Leman, CNC Chair

The City Neighborhood Council and the thirteen district councils are City advisory bodies. CNC is composed of one member selected by each of the thirteen district councils. An official purpose of CNC and the district councils is to involve citizens in the budget process. CNC wants you to participate in its Citizens Budget Conference on Sunday, Feb. 10, 12-5 p.m. in the third floor conference center of Seattle Center House.

The City of Seattle now budgets on a two-year basis, and this conference has become the traditional kickoff for the budget season, in cooperation with the Mayor, City Council, Department of Finance, Department of Neighborhoods, and our co-sponsor, Seattle Center. Video of the 2006 Citizens Budget Conference is on the web at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010604>.

Important to realizing your priorities is how and where the City raises and spends its revenues. But if citizens are not aware of the budget process, they may not participate effectively. In late September the Mayor sends his proposed budget to the City Council, which adopts the final budget by late November. Citizens can make a difference at that late stage, but the earlier they get involved, the better. By March, departments are already developing their proposals to the Mayor, who by May is making preliminary budget decisions, and by late July has decided much of his September budget package.

The Feb. 10 Citizens Budget Conference starts at noon with departmental tables where citizens can talk one-on-one with City officials. At 1 p.m. the Mayor presents his vision for the budget process, as does the Chair of the City Council's Budget and Finance committees. (At the 2006 conference the Mayor unveiled a nationally innovative citizen suggestion process for capital projects.). Finance Director Dwight Dively then presents his widely admired overview of the City's financial situation.



"When they learned that Finance Director Dwight Dively's birthday was the night he would be briefing the City Neighborhood Council about the Mayor's September 2007 budget proposals, CNC members surprised him with a song and a birthday cake frosted with dollar signs (also shown is CNC chair Chris Leman)."

There then follow two sessions of panels where citizens can interact with representatives of the Police and Fire Departments, Department of Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation, Department of Human Services, Seattle Center, Seattle Public Library, Department of Neighborhoods, City Light, and Seattle Public Utilities. The conference concludes with a panel of City Councilmembers in dialogue with citizens on budget priorities and processes.

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## BRIDGING THE GAP REPAIRS SIDEWALKS ON OLD BALLARD AVENUE

Of the \$6 million in Neighborhood Street Fund monies for improvement projects in Seattle over the next three years, one project, valued at \$220,000, was funded in the Ballard District. This project will replace remaining late 1970's unit paver sidewalks in the Ballard Avenue Landmark District with poured concrete sidewalks. Other unfunded Bridging the Gap small and large projects proposed by citizens in the Ballard District will be retained and considered as future funding opportunities become available.

## BINMIC ACTION COMMITTEE

At its meeting on November 14, the BINMIC Action Committee was briefed on progress on the \$43 million upgrade at Fishermen's Terminal, reviewed its operating procedures and 2008 work plan, and considered further comments about the proposed amendments to the Industrial Land Use Code. At its next meeting on December 12, the BINMIC Action Committee will discuss the Port of Seattle's proposal to update the Shoreline Master Program, review current major

non-industrial development proposed in the BINMIC, and discuss special projects for 2008.

## BURKE GILMAN BIKE TRAIL ATTEMPTS TO CONNECT ACROSS BALLARD'S INDUSTRIAL AREA

On November 14, SDOT unveiled its recommendations for extending the Burke Gilman Bike Trail through Ballard from where it currently terminates at 11th NW to the Ballard Locks where the developed bike trail continues to Golden Gardens Park. Approximately 150 people attended the November 14 open house to learn more about the closed trail alignment features and impacts. SDOT examined the permanent alignment as determined by City Council Resolution in 2003. This route parallels the railroad spur along NW 45th, Shilshole Ave NW, and the block south of NW Market St. However, the project recognizes that until such time that industrial activities don't present a hazard to bicyclists along some portions of this alignment, the trail will follow an interim route which puts a portion of it on Ballard Ave NW. BINMIC Action Committee and a number of industrial business and property owners along the permanent trail alignment continue to object vigorously to the long term trail development plan. Also, the trail development is criticized for displacing approximately 150 on-street parking spaces.

## CENTRAL

### CENTRAL AREA VISION

The Central Area Development Association hosted a meeting with community groups, residents, and service providers to check the pulse of how people envision the neighborhood.

The participants agreed that the current Central Area Stewardship group has not been the best fit for the Central Area. Planning node representatives from Madison Miller, 12th Avenue, 23rd & Union Merchants and 23rd & Jackson

# Money for Neighborhood Projects!

Whether your neighborhood project needs \$100 or \$100,000, the City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund can help provide money and help to support your community efforts. Through the Neighborhood Matching Fund, money is available to community groups for a variety of projects including neighborhood improvements, public school partnerships, and neighborhood organizing. The Matching Fund provides cash awards to match community contributions of volunteer labor, professional services, materials, or cash in support of neighborhood-based projects.

Some examples of the thousands of things to do are making community gardens, starting local climate change education campaigns, creating public art, starting a neighborhood-based orchestra, planting trees, restoring wetlands, and documenting community histories. The result is a product that enhances a neighborhood and creates a more caring community.

The 2008 deadlines for applying to the Small and Simple Projects Fund (for requests up to \$15,000) are January 14, April 7, July 7, and October 6.

The opportunity to apply to the Large Projects Fund for requests up to \$100,000

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only happens once a year. The Letter of Intent is due February 4. The Department of Neighborhoods is hosting two technical assistance workshops for help with applying to the Large Projects Fund: Wednesday, January 9 at the Lake City Library and Thursday, January 17 at the Beacon Hill Library. Both are from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at 684-0464.

Staff at the Department of Neighborhoods is available to work with community groups, answer questions, and provide technical assistance. Don't miss out on the first opportunity in 2008 to get Neighborhood Matching Fund dollars for your neighborhood. Call 684-0464 for information on getting started with your neighborhood project! 🌐

concur that they support NC 40, affordable housing, affordable rents for local businesses and they plan to move forward by inviting the Stewardship group to their meetings.

Residential participants raised issues related to public safety around Parnell's Mini Mart at 23rd & Dearborn and the significant impact of one parcel being developed into four town homes.

### COORDINATOR ASSISTS WITH HOMELESS SITUATION

The Central District Coordinator received a citizen's request to assist a homeless woman located at the 1600 block of 23rd Ave. The coordinator contacted Reverend Rick Reynolds at Operation Night Watch Program to request an assessment.

Reverend Reynolds reported the woman possessed three shopping carts of belongings, a list of shelters, and a list of resources. Reverend Reynolds discovered the person was being helped by a Swedish Hospital caseworker and plans to reconnect the homeless person with the caseworker. He also said he would periodically check on the woman.

The Central District Coordinator provides Operations Night Watch with grippers and bags for litter clean ups and has worked with Reverend Reynolds on asking transients to move encampments from sensitive areas.

### NORTHWEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM (NAAM)

The museum is slated to be up and running the end of the first quarter in 2008. The museum will feature exhibits related to art, history, and the culture of African Americans in the Pacific Northwest.

Volunteers are being sought to serve as docents to lead tours, greeters to welcome visitors, respond to questions, and collect admission fees and solicit membership. NAAM's website is [www.naamnw.org](http://www.naamnw.org).

## DELRIIDGE

### DRAG RACING CONCERNS RIVERVIEW RESIDENTS

Residents in the Riverview neighborhood, particularly along 12th Ave SW between SW Holden and SW Holly, have reported at least two instances of drag racing during the past two weeks. The cars were racing so fast that residents could not determine the make of cars, let alone capture their license plate numbers. Their distress is compounded by the fact that this is occurring on the street that parallels Riverview Playfield, with a popular walking trail and a children's playground. Besides contacting the police, residents would like the Seattle Department of Transportation to install speed bumps along 12th Ave SW, although the five-block stretch already includes two traffic circles.

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## INCREASED PATROLS MOVE PROBLEM

The increased police patrols on 3rd Ave have made a marked difference in public safety in that area of downtown, but nearby neighborhoods continue to suffer the negative results of the "squeeze effect". Chinatown/ID and Belltown specifically are reporting more observed illegal activity.

## COMMUNITY GIVES FEEDBACK ON KIOSK/PERGOLA DESIGN

The Parks Department held a follow-up community meeting in Pioneer Square to get community feedback on the Occidental Square kiosk/pergola designs. While there wasn't one design that was overwhelmingly favored, the community liked certain elements of each design and Parks will get back to the community regarding the next steps in the process. This project could particularly be impacted by a proposed development at 200 Occidental.

## EAST

### STRONG SUPPORT FOR PARK RANGERS AT FREEWAY PARK FROM FIRST HILL GROUPS

First Hill neighborhood organizations are lobbying the City Council to approve the Mayor's Parks Initiative, which will include Park Rangers at Freeway Park, as well as other items in the initiative, facing the City Council budget process for approval.

Organizations such as Virginia Mason, the First Hill Improvement Association, Friends of Freeway Park, etc, organized a letter writing campaign to let the City Council know how important the Park Rangers are for the Freeway Park facility considering that these neighborhood groups have been actively participating in the Freeway Park improvements and design plans during the last year.

### THE TREES AT THE BERKHEIMER PROPERTY

Charlette LeFevre is a resident and owner of a non-profit business on the Hills and she is upset with the notification process and subsequently the reasons for the removal of 13 trees at the Berkheimer property, (290 units development at the Broadway between Republican and Mercer). She complained that City staff provided inadequate or erroneous information on the reasons for removing the trees and has started a petition drive in the neighborhood to stop the removal of the trees.

At this point the East District Coordinator has contacted city staff involved in the process and is working on clarifying the issue and requesting assistance in case the issue takes a larger form of neighborhood involvement on the subject.

### CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY FORUM ON SAFETY

It was standing room only at the Broadway Performance Hall for the Capitol Hill Community Forum on Safety. The forum was held to discuss the gay-bashing and malicious harassment that has plagued the communities on the Hills recently.

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Four times a year, Small and Simple Project Fund Awards are given to groups committed to building a better community by matching public funds with locally raised money, donated materials, and volunteer labor. The 37 awards, totaling \$460,122 in city funding, range from \$859 to \$15,000. In addition to the city's contributions, communities will match the amount with resources valued at \$700,542.

Along with the Small and Simple Awards, 23 Small Sparks and nine Outreach Fund recipients were also recognized. These "entry-level" awards often lead to bigger project ideas in the Matching Fund Program, where recipients bring more ideas to fruition in their communities.

"These projects demonstrate the commitment people in Seattle have for their communities," Nickels said. "Through these efforts, we have reached out to underrepresented communities, made streets safer, provided playgrounds, and created art in public spaces. I'm especially looking forward to seeing the results of the Climate Protection projects as they are completed."

Councilmember Sally Clark, chair of the Economic Development and Neighborhoods Committee, added, "Seattle is a city of great neighborhoods because our citizens choose to make a difference in the places where they live. It is both the city's responsibility and honor to support the work of these civic leaders who are investing in their communities."


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Stella Chao, director of the Department of Neighborhoods, said "Neighborhood Matching Funds continue to be one of the best ways that Seattleites truly partner with the city in making Seattle a great place. The creativity and community spirit that this program supports is crucial to our success."

The Small and Simple Projects Fund is one of four components of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, and provides up to \$15,000 to support community-driven projects. Seattle neighborhoods have completed more than 3,200 projects during the past 19 years with the Neighborhood Matching Fund.

Visit the Department of Neighborhoods Web site at [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods) to find out more about our other programs and services including P-Patch, Citizens Service Bureau, Neighborhood Service Centers, Historic Preservation, and Office for Education.

Visit the mayor's Web site at <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor>. Get the mayor's inside view on initiatives to promote transportation, public safety, economic opportunity and healthy communities by signing up for The Nickels Newsletter at [www.seattle.gov/mayor/newsletter\\_signup.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/newsletter_signup.htm). 

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Over the last few months, SPD has reported six hate crime incidents, four of them on Capitol Hill. This situation prompted a response by City Councilmembers, Clark, Licata, Rasmussen and Council-Elect Burgess to organize the safety forum. Participants included the King County Prosecuting Office, SPD East Precinct Commander and officers, as well as the director of the Home Alive organization, who served as a panel of experts to address concerns and to listen to resident's questions and comments on what to do and how the community can address the challenges of hate crimes in the neighborhood.

The event was sponsored by the GLBTQ community, as well as residents and businesses in the area. This event was the beginning of a neighborhood involvement process to address this issue of great concern for the communities on the Hills.

## GREATER DUWAMISH

### UNIVERSITY PREP STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON SOUTH PARK

Several District Coordinators spent time with students at University Prep to discuss community issues for several neighborhoods in the City. We were invited to talk about the community of South Park with one class that will be focusing on this area all school year. They would like to link with the community to develop projects together. We will help them make the necessary contacts.

### SOUTH PARK ACTION AGENDA

The South Park Action Agenda Open House on November 15 was full of families enjoying the ethnic food selections, participating in the Bingo informational game as they found out about the various activities of several City departments, and the instant polling that surveyed folk's attitudes about some of the Action Agenda's items. The attention by all departments to making sure that folks fluent in languages other than English felt welcome was extremely valuable. Consolidating City outreach in the fun environment was appreciated by many.

## LAKE UNION

### CLEAN AND GREEN FREMONT

More than 40 volunteers turned out for the successful Clean and Green Fremont event on Saturday November 17. Students from University of Washington, Seattle Pacific University, and Kennedy High School joined residents and business owners to give Fremont a face-lift. Volunteers spent the morning picking up trash and leaves and helped clean the historical markers in Fremont. Now Fremont looks better than ever!

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**MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE****QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER RELOCATES**

Queen Anne/ Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center relocated on Wednesday, November 28. City Light is taking back the location at 157 Roy St for a high-level emergency response control center as of January 1, 2008. The new office is conveniently located just across the street at 160 Roy St. Co-locators at the new site will be Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles, and Uptown Alliance. The new office does have a meeting space for community groups, which will be available to schedule starting in January. We will have an open house on January 23rd from 4 - 6pm, with food and beverages provided. Come on down!

**NORTH****PINEHURST CHEERS COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF SAFEWAY LEGISLATION**

The Pinehurst Planning and Development Council, a group of Pinehurst residents seeking progressive development in their community, is elated with the City Council Urban Development and Planning Committee's approval of legislation that would allow Safeway to proceed with replacement of the old Pinehurst Safeway store with the first green Safeway store in Washington State. The legislation goes before the full Council in early December.

**NORTHEAST****UNIVERSITY PREP STUDENTS STUDY THE U DISTRICT**

One of the 7th grade classes at University Preparatory Academy has been focusing its attention on the University District. They have studied the demographics, the neighborhood plan; have interviewed folks on the street and recently invited the Northeast District Coordinator to come talk about the neighborhood and the challenges and strengths of this unique community.

**NORTHWEST****GRAFFITI HITS GREENWOOD**

There has been a resurgence of graffiti on Greenwood Avenue between 65th and 85th, including a particularly hard hit section on and around St. John's School. Reports have come in daily to the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber, which have been referred to the City's Hotline. In many cases, volunteers have reacted quickly to paint out, but the area has been overwhelmed in recent weeks. Several residents are requesting increased police attention to this matter.

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The City Neighborhood Council and the district councils welcome your suggestions on what to advocate for in the budget process. CNC's budget committee is chaired by Ron Boddie ([rjboddie\\_2@msn.com](mailto:rjboddie_2@msn.com)), and meets on the first Wednesday of the month, noon to 1:30 at Seattle Central Grind, 2724 E. Cherry St. (corner of M. L. King and Cherry), such as Jan. 2, Feb. 6, and March 5. As with all CNC committees, the meetings are open to the public.

For questions about the Feb. 10 Citizens Budget Conference, contact Ron Boddie or CNC chair Chris Leman, [cleman@oo.net](mailto:cleman@oo.net), (206) 322-5463. Only once every two years can you meet on budget issues with such a wide range of Seattle officials. Don't miss the Citizens Budget Conference—Sunday, February 10, noon to 5 p.m. at Seattle Center House 🌐

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## SOUTHWEST

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## PORT CONSIDERING OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR CEM PROPERTY

The Port of Seattle (Port) has reissued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit proposals on developing a one-story, 40,000 square foot hall, with 500 parking spaces, to house the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 19 at the site of the Container Equipment Maintenance (CEM) property on Harbor Ave SW. The RFQ includes a second scenario involving the development of the Water Taxi at Pier 2 along with the ILWU facility. By issuing the new RFQ, the Port has apparently rejected two proposals that were submitted as part of an earlier RFQ for the CEM property. In the initial RFQ, two bids were received, one calling for the development of a mixed-use development and the second, a boat storage facility.

## ALL CITY BULLETIN!

### DIGITAL TELEVISION IS COMING IN 2009 DON'T LOSE YOUR TELEVISION SIGNAL

On February 18, 2009, television stations will stop broadcasting in analog and will move to all digital TV. Television sets that use "rabbit ears" or other antennas will not receive a signal unless they have a digital converter box. Viewers who subscribe to cable or satellite service, or who have a digital TV, won't see any change in their TV reception.

If you don't know whether your TV is analog or digital, find your TV registration number and check with the manufacturer. If you will need a digital converter box for your TV, you may apply to the federal Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program to help with the cost.

Up to two \$40 coupons per household are available. (Converter boxes are expected to cost between \$50 and \$70 each.) To get your converter box coupons, do one of three things between today and March 31, 2009:

1. call **1-888-388-2009 (1-888-DTV-2009)**
2. get online information from the federal government at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov)\*
3. request a coupon(s) by writing to DTV Coupons, P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208

Converter boxes should be available in "big box" retailers, chain electronic stores, and national discount stores. A list of eligible converters, participating retailers and online vendors will be sent with the coupons. The coupon is good only for a digital converter box. It is not good for a digital video recorder (dvr) or digital television.

\*If you do not have a computer, there are computers with Internet available for your use in City of Seattle libraries, community centers, neighborhood service centers (little City Halls) and some non profit agencies in the community. To find your nearest community computer, please call Vicky Yuki, Department of Information Technology, at **206-233-7877**.

# Old Crown Hill School:

## A CHANCE FOR A SECOND LIFE

The former Crown Hill Elementary School at 9250 14th NW was closed in 1978. Since that time the school has provided space for a number of children and community service programs, including its current master tenant Small Faces Child Development Center. The Seattle School Board formally decided earlier this year to dispose of this, and several other, surplus Seattle Public School properties.

Small Faces Child Development Center, and other non profit tenants occupying the building, as well as the greater Crown Hill community, wish to see the property remain a community asset, including both what the building supports and how the former playground can provide needed open space.

- \$1 million was made available from the 2000 Pro Parks Levy to develop a Seattle park on a portion of this 3.7-acre site.
- Small Faces, together with its partner interests throughout the neighborhood, formed a work group to consider how the property could be purchased either by Small Faces or by another entity which would support the existing uses.

- In the 2008 City budget, \$1 million is set aside to provide “public benefit”.

These City resources could assist in the cost of acquisition, construction, or renovation of the site. The working group has also identified targets for state and private foundation resources to assist in the overall cost of the project. The working group, supported by City resources, is working with Cascade Land Conservancy to explore a number of alternative approaches to finance the acquisition and generate income from the property sufficient to sustain its use as a center for community services.

A public meeting was held on November 29 where CLC's findings were presented and the community's priorities were considered. In November the Department of Neighborhoods awarded a \$15,000 Small and Simple award to the Crown Hill School working group to support the development of conceptual drawings for building and other site development which will help promote visibility for this concept. 🌐

# Delridge District a Hotbed OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

## Providers Discuss Emergency Preparedness

The High Point Resources Coalition had a discussion and brainstorming session on how to effectively disseminate information about emergency preparedness to the racially diverse residents living in High Point. Some barriers mentioned included language and possible expenses for supplies. The group agreed that a good "first step" approach would be to train agency providers on emergency preparedness basics and resources. In turn bilingual/bicultural providers would disseminate information to their "constituents". For example, Neighborhood House and International District Housing Alliance to Vietnamese and Khmer residents, East African Community Services to Somali residents, Safefutures to youth, and P-Patch to ethnic farmers. The coalition will host a training by the Office of Emergency Management at its next meeting, Monday, January 14, 1pm at the West Seattle Resource Center.

## Another Bright Idea to Save Energy

Based on the idea to introduce a Seattle Climate Action Now effort to provide energy-efficient light bulbs for residents of the Seattle Housing Authority, the City has agreed to collaborate with the Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association (DNDA), North Delridge Neighborhood Council, and Office of Emergency Management to provide residents and about 400 low-income residents with energy saving devices, including emergency preparedness information. The activity will be incorporated into the first Clean and Green Initiative Program neighborhood cleanup event on January 12, 2008. This may serve as a model to provide energy efficient light bulbs to other low-income families throughout the city.

## Company Fails Pollution Test

Last year, Lafarge Cement Company requested permission to burn whole tires. The request met with a great deal of community opposition because of concerns about increased toxic releases and long-standing odor com-

plaints linked to the Duwamish River facility. However, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCA) granted LaFarge permission to run whole tire burn tests earlier this year. LaFarge's recent air emissions tests while burning whole tires failed to meet dioxin standards. Two burns — one at 14.7% whole tires, and one at 16.2% whole tires — both exceeded standards. The standard is .40; the test results were .46 and .56, respectively. LaFarge plans to run a second test on November 20 and 21. With the exception of this test, LaFarge is currently not permitted to burn whole tires.

## Planting Project Recruits Neighbors

The Puget Ridge Neighborhood Council held a gathering to restore native plants at Vivian McLean Park, a Delridge neighborhood plan project. But most of all, the group wanted to connect with more neighbors and get them involved in neighborhood activities. About 35 neighborhood volunteers showed up to dig out Himalayan blackberries and lay mulch, cardboard, and woodchips. The planting lasted until 2 p.m. but the fun was far from over. Later in the afternoon more neighbors (over 60) came to Duwamish Co-Housing to celebrate over food, delicious desserts, and local musical entertainment. The all-day event was supported by the Department of Neighborhoods Outreach Fund.

## Family Night Brings Them to Sealth

Chief Sealth High School held its first Family Engagement Night this month to encourage parents and students to feel welcomed at the school during after-school hours. Multicultural student groups (Filipino, Somali, Vietnamese, Latino, and African-American) performed and danced in front of 150+ people to kick off the evening activity. The student commons area was lined with information tables representing youth and human service organizations. A free dinner was provided in the cafeteria. Carrie Syvertsen, Chief Sealth's new social worker, plans to organize regular family nights around themes including health, cultural awareness, and celebration. 🌐

# COLD, DARK, STRANDED?

Emergencies happen - Prepare for winter now

**Storm season is here. Be prepared  
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A battery-powered radio

Flashlights

Extra batteries

Nonperishable food and water

Coats, hats, and extra blankets

**Help yourself and your neighborhood:**

Keep storm drains clear to prevent flooding

Get snow route information in case roads are closed

Check with family, friends, and neighbors

## **IMPORTANT WARNING**

DO NOT use charcoal barbecues, gas grills or heaters,  
or generators inside your home. All of these produce carbon  
monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can kill you.



For more information on preparing for winter, go to: [govlink.org/storm](http://govlink.org/storm).



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